Student Government News

December 8, 1967

Harrington Appointed Chairman

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 5, 1967, at the open meeting of the Student Government Association, Chris Hoff announced the formation of the Fact Finding Committee. Dennis J. Harrington was appointed chairman and instructed to choose his own people. Mr. Harrington's choices are as follows: John Dux, Resident Advisor of Benoit Hall; Thomas Smith, Advisor in St. Edward's Hall; Donna Gill, Advisor in the New Dorm; Robert Quinn, Sophomore S.G.A. representative; Peter DeLuca, writer for the Monarch; Edward Baker, Freshman Day Student.

The essential purpose of the committee is to find answers to the questions and problems of the students of Saint Leo College.

The committee has stipulated that it will follow a set procedure. This procedure will be as follows: 1) receive problems in writing from the student body; 2) check all sources of information in order to find a solution; 3) get concrete answer which must and will be definite, concise and clear; 4) conduct a special gripe session with interested students; 5) a suggestion box will be put in the student center to aid in receiving the questions and problems; and 6) all questions and answers will be put in the records of the S.G.A.

It is imperative that the students realize that their questions and problems must be submitted in writing with their signature and that the answers of the committee will be published in the Monarch and no where else.

If anyone would rather not put their questions in the suggestion box, they can be mailed to either Box 1791 or Box 1486, addressed to the Fact Finding Committee.

Christmas Message

Each year at Christmastime, people the world over stop and ponder the significance of this season.

We, in the Student Government Association, feel that it is imperative for each student to search into his own heart for a personal meaning. However, in so doing let us remember that Christmas, as any other religious holiday, should not become so commercialized that we forget the true spirit of the season.

We should, rather, remember that this season is a time of joy for the Son of God has again been born to save mankind. The message that Christ brought to the world nearly 2,000 years ago, is the same one that we in SGA, wish to impart to each of you; love and peace

Love, in order that all may more fully appreciate the beauty and the goodness in the world around us. Peace, That we may know a type of personal contentment which will ultimately spread to all people in all places.

In short, as the poet Henry Van Dyke once wrote "clear through the year, we wish you the spirit of Christmas."

IS THERE CENSORSHIP?

The Student Government Association, realizing the prominent role that academics plays in college life, has formulated a commission composed of students elected as student advisors to the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Discussion and recommendations are being made on the part of the committee concerning academics and curriculum and are forwarded through Dean Flemming to the College Academic Affairs Committee. The ultimate purpose of this committee is to help Saint Leo College in its constant endeavor to develop a superior academic curriculum, promoting the intellectual growth and development of each member of our community.

The Academic Affairs Committee of the SGA is composed of thirteen members representative of each class, each division, and a wide range of Grade Point Averages: four seniors - Chris Hoff, Terri Henderson, Catherine Moberly, Valerie Clarke; four juniors - Pat Hayes, Linda Cumbee, Jay Kenny, John White; three sophomores - Marge Bowland, Dennis Harrington, Tom Smith; two freshmen - to be appointed nest semester - if interested, write Box 389.

Meetings are generally held on every other Wednesday, at which time, minutes are taken and sent to each divisional chairman.

This year, certain problems have risen that the Academic Committee feels should be made known and straightened out in the minds of all concerned.

1) What can be done to stimulate interest in reading? Although the subject has not been thoroughly covered, it is the feeling of the committee that the student body (on the whole) does not take an active interest in reading. One suggestion offered was a college required reading list or possibly a Great Books Club.

2) Some students reported that their General Seminar leaders are censoring the GSR reports that are being handed into Fr. Stephen's office. The Saint Leo College Faculty Handbook 1967-68, states that, a college wide seminar is held each Tuesday at ten A.M. in the cafeteria. Immediately following the program, the discussion groups meet in the assigned places with individual faculty members as group coordinators. While it is hoped that the faculty will allow the senior members of the group to act as discussion leaders, the faculty member also servers as an advisor and counselor to each of the individual members of his group and should arrange for regular appointments with his students. It is not, then, the place of the faculty GSR coordinator to censor minutes of the weekly seminar, but instead, to serve as advisors and counselors.

Each year Saint Leo College progresses in its efforts to offer intellectual fulfillment. Problems arise in all institutions and it is the responsibility of all of the institution to solve them. It is imperative that each administrator, faculty member and student ask himself, "What are the problems concerning academics on our campus?" Why, if advisory grades are maintained, will 41.5% of the student body be on Academic probation? Is there a lack of communication between faculty and students? Possibly between faculty and administration? Are the academic problems on our campus so severe that they constitute an enviornmental change? Should faculty members be expected to lower their standards of teaching to enable the student body to pass their courses? It is necessary for the college to be more selective when choosing their students; even at the expense of not fulfilling its quota?

We could go on and on posing questions attempting to stimulate reaction----but the real question is, "What suggestions do YOU (the readers) have to help improve the academic atmosphere on our campus??"

S.G.A. MEMBERSHIP

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William Griffin
Mary Jane Hall
Jack Hurley
Michael O'Connor

Next On S. G. A.

DATE: December 12, 1967

PLACE: Lion's Lounge

TIME: 8:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Winter Weekend Evaluation
2. Financial Report
3. Outlook for Day Students
4. Inter Club Constitution
5. Next Years Budget
6. Blood Bank Situation
7. Signs and More Signs
8. Rain Check for Clothes
9. The Country's Oldest City
10. Should You Be Over 21?
11. A Spiritual Happening.
12. "Who is the Next Super??"
13. Student Bill of Rights.

SGA TO EVALUATE STUDENT SERVICE

A Student Service Evaluation Committee has been innovated by the Student Government Association for the purpose of evaluating the objectives of Student Service. This committee will function for the duration of one trimester.

The cooperation of the students, faculty, and administration is encouraged so that no arbitrary modifications in the program are made.

The committee is cognizant of many valid complaints and with cooperation it is hoped that an appeasing program will be worked out.

First of a Series . . . .

PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION

This is the first installment of a weekly series of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Student Government Association. The purpose of the weekly series, is to bring to the attention of the college community their significance and to ask for their suggestions before the Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the end of the present academic year.

If there are any suggestions, they are to be handled in writing to **any** member of the Student Government Association.

The Constitution of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We, the students of St. Leo College, A Catholic, co-educational institution of higher learning, striving to achieve a unity within the whole, and pursuing to educate ourselves as a Christian Institution do hereby set forth this Constitution of the student body of this organization.

Article I Name
Section 101 The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association (S.G.A.) of Saint Leo College.

ArticleII Objectives
Section 201 a) to direct an encourage student activities

b) to represent student opinion

c) to be a mediator in student, faculty, administrative and community student affairs

d) to encourage high moral integrity

e) direct student discipline

ArticleIII Membership
Section 301 All full time students shall be members of S.G.A.

*There is nothing I can give you which you have not; but there is much that while I cannot give, you can take. No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in it today. TAKE HEAVEN. * No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this present instant. TAKE PEACE. * The gloom of the world is but a shadow: behind it, yet within reach, is joy. TAKE JOY. * And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks and the shadows flee away.*

*Fra Giovanni 1513 **

SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE BRANCH OF
THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OF SAINT LEO COLLEGE